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Belgium-Luxembourg Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety Twelfth Case of BSE in Belgium for 2001 2001

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Report Highlights:

Twelfth case of BSE found in Belgium this year for a total of 31 cases since 1997.

Includes PSD changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report The Hague [NL1], BE On May 2, the A.F.S.C.A. (Federal Agency for Food Safety) reported the twelfth case of BSE this year in Belgium confirmed by the traditional scientific test. Since 1997, 31 positive cases of BSE have been found in Belgium.

It was diagnosed in a cow born in December 1995. The 242 bovines from the plant located in Goesnes (Province of Namur) have been destroyed and the carcasses will be tested.

Since the beginning of the year, over 98,000 tests have been made on bovines older than 30 months. The daily status of analysis can be followed on the website of the Belgian Agency for Food Safety (AFSCA) http://www.afsca.be or http://www.afsca.fgov.be under the heading "press releases" or by clicking on the image representing a cow.